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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing this letter to let you know that my internet and phone provider, Sonic, would be negatively affected if USTelecom's petition to remove basic competitive principles included in the 1996 Telecommunications Act are enacted. I, as well as many Sonic customers throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, would basically be exposed to higher internet rates and a lack of competition between providers if a few large companies are controlling internet access. I strongly oppose this potential result of USTelecom's efforts because it would cause the weakening of my internet provider's services.

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